



# D O L G E A D H A L L

Select Caravan and Lodge Park



Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen and thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak at this Public Inquiry

My wife and I own and run a holiday home park 2 miles west of Llanfair Caereinion with 156 pitches. We are within a National Grid Corridor for 46m high pylons. Pylons and high voltage lines will be a direct consequence of any large wind farms which are developed. At the current time the proposed route skirts our ground but following another National Grid consultation in 2013 the final route is yet to be announced

All of our caravans and lodges are owner occupied, this means that customers have invested in a holiday home on our park, prices ranging from £8,000 to £180,000, the value being in both the structure of the holiday home and the location it is situated.

They and many other owners of holiday homes in the area have a vested interest in the local environment and communities of mid Wales.

In Montgomeryshire alone, there are around 5,000 caravan holiday homes, the majority of which are owner occupied.

The key points I would like to raise with regards to the cumulative impact of the multiple wind farms and associated infrastructure are:

- Long Term Loss of Income.** Our business relies on the picturesque, tranquil environment of mid Wales. Unprecedented, large scale wind turbine development will extensively and irreversibly damage the visual amenity of the county and the viability of our business in both the long and short term.  
This has a direct impact on the number of people we can employ and the amount of work created for local contractors and businesses.  
The potential loss of holiday home owners in the area will have massive implications for a large spectrum of different businesses in the area, from high street shops to restaurants and tourist attractions. Each privately owned holiday home pitch contributes at least £8,000 to the local economy (Caravan Club 2008).
- Construction Traffic Affecting Tourist Traffic.** If our customers experience recurrent delays in travelling to and around mid Wales they may choose another area in which to own a holiday home.
- Holiday Home Owners Not Consulted.** None of the holiday home owners in mid Wales have been consulted with regards to the loss of visual amenity in the area (wind turbines and pylons) and the construction traffic implications they may experience. As Holiday Home Park Owners we felt a personal responsibility to inform our existing holiday home owners and any new customers of the development proposals. This was done purely due to moral conscience even though it is detrimental to our business. With many customers we have offered 100% refund, with a 10 year time limit, if pylons were to pass over the park. Liken this if you will, to being offered the price you paid for a new car 10 years later. These are the measures we have had to take to try and gain customers!

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